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WHEREAS ſeveral Perſons well-affected to His Majeſty's Government and the Church of Ireland, as by Law Eſtabliſhed, may have, through Ignorance, Neglected or been Prevented by Sickneſs, or other unavoidable Cauſes,

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from Taking and Subscribing the Oaths, and Making and Subscribing the Declaration, and from Receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, according to the Directions of an Act Made in this Kingdom, in the Second Year of the Reign of her Late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act to Prevent the further Growth of Popery; and by their Inadvertency, may have Incurred great Penalties;

Be it Enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person or Persons, who have Incurred any Penalties and Incapacities in the said Act, Intituled, An Act to Prevent the further Growth of Popery, mentioned, by Neglecting to Qualify themselves according to the said Act, shall be, and are hereby Indemnified, Freed, and Discharged of and from all Incapacities, Disabilities, Forfeitures, and Penalties Incurred by Reason of such Omission or Neglect, as aforesaid; and that no Act or Acts done by them, or any of them, or by Authority derived from them, or any of them, and not yet Avoided, shall be Questioned or Avoided, by Reason of such

such Neglect or Omission, but all such Acts shall be, and are hereby Declared and Enacted to be, as Good and Effectual, as if all and every such Person and Persons had Taken and Subscribed the said Oaths, and Received the said Sacrament, and Made and Subscribed the said Declaration, in Manner as aforesaid; any Thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding. CHAP. IV.

Provided such Person or Persons do and shall Take and Subscribe the said Oaths, and Receive the said Sacrament, and Make, Repeat, and Subscribe the said Declaration, in such Manner and Form, and in such Place and Places as are Directed and Appointed by the said Act to Prevent the further Growth of Popery, on or before the First Day of May which shall be in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight.

And whereas several of His Majesty's Subjects are often Preferred in the Army residing in Great Britain, by which they are by the Laws in Force in that Kingdom, obliged to Qualify themselves in some Part of Great Britain, by Receiving the Sacrament, Taking the Oaths, and Subscribing the Declaration, within the Time mentioned in such Laws.

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[illegible] the Regiment, or Regiments, [illegible] such Officer or Officers have Commissions so granted them, are often Ordered into this Kingdom, and put upon [illegible] by which a Doubt may arise, whether such Officer or Officers, notwithstanding he or they having Qualified themselves in Great Britain, for such Commissions, according to the said Laws, are not by the Laws in Force in this Kingdom obliged to Qualify themselves after their Arrival here for such Commissions, according to an Act of Parliament passed in this Kingdom, in the Second Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act to Prevent the further Growth of Popery.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Officer or Officers so Preferred in Great Britain, who shall have Qualified him or themselves for such Commission or Commissions according to and within the Time limited by the said Laws made in Great Britain, shall be obliged to Qualify him or themselves in this Kingdom for such Commission or Commissions so granted to him or them in such Regiment or Regiments after their Arrival in this Kingdom, and being put

put upon this Eſtabliſhment; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the Contrary notwithſtanding. CHAP. IV.

Provided allways, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, ſhall not Extend to Reſtore or Intitle any Perſon or Perſons to any Office or Employment already actually Avoided by Judgment of any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record, or already filled up by any other Perſon, but that ſuch Office or Employment ſhall be and remain in the Perſon or Perſons who is or are now Intitled by Law to the ſame, as if this Act had never been made.

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